--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Montreal Division "M 62" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

--- 1 pound - lithographed in blue ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed *J. L. Vincent* / **Col. Inland Rev.---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

John McKay records that 86,380 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further records that 18,415 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). On January 13th 1883 the Department had notified BABN not to produce any new supplies of the 1880-81 strips, and thus these 4th Contract strips were likely prepared under the 3rd BABN Contract, and were only 'Delivered' to the Area Collectors between 1886-1888.

Finally in the second 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** John McKay records as 'Delivered' 36,860 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco". This second "TOBACCO" section of the **4th BABN Contract** was reserved for *obsolete* 1881 strips, which having been declared *obsolete* were 'Delivered' by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	86,380
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	18,415
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	36,860
	141,655

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1 pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

RP-349	- 1 pound, Division Open - A 62	**010987**
RP-372	- 1 pound, Montreal Division - M 62	**090836**
RP-392	- 1 pound, Toronto Division - C 62	none
		101,823

The catalogue lists the 1 pound, blue, Montreal Division - M 62 Customs strip as follows:

RP-372 - 1 pound, blue, perf 12, Montreal Division - M 62, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm controls
RP-372a - 1 pound, blue, perf 12, Montreal Division - M 62, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-372a -** the one pound "Montreal" Division blue strip - printed on *unwatermarked* paper. The only unwatermarked copy to date is (as noted for **050390**) printed on vertical mesh wove paper, and, as can be seen from the adjacent stamps, has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*. To be ***truly unwatermarked*** the stamp should be found on horizontal mesh wove paper. So far, I doubt the existence of **RP-372a**.

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate number.

1 pound, blue, *imperforate*, Montreal Division **"M 62"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-372 - 1 pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-372 - 1 pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 62"**, control number **090751**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

050260	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050262	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050272	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050273	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050286	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050301-10	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050314	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050330	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050353	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050355	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050361	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050369	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050370	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050381	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RP-372 - 1 pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 62"**, control number **050390**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - seemingly *unwatermarked*
This bottom strip has simply missed the sheet block watermark

050390★	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050397	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050398	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050401	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050404	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050411	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
050418	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
071676	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090003	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090004	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090008	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090743	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090751★	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090776-80	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090783	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090835★	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
090836	RP-372	1 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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